की सप्लाई किया जाना चण्डीगढ़ प्रशासन का दायित्व है। चण्डीगढ़ प्रशासन के अनुसार, विद्युत सप्लाई करने वाले उपकेन्द्रों नामशः 220 के॰ वी॰ उपकेन्द्र (मोहाली), 220 के॰ वी॰ उपकेन्द्र (धूलकोट) और 132 के॰ वी॰ उपकेन्द्र (पिन्जौर) में सीमित प्रतिष्ठापित क्षमता उपलब्ध होने के कारण उन कनैक्शनों जो आवश्यक सुविधाओं के रूप में शहर के समग्र विकास के लिए अपेक्षित थे, को छोड़कर प्रशासन द्वारा 31 दिसम्बर, 1988 के बाद कोई कनैक्शन स्वीकृत नहीं किया जा सका है। चण्डीगढ़ प्रशासन द्वारा मोहाली स्थित 220 के॰वी॰ उपकेन्द्र की ट्रांसफार्मर क्षमता में वृद्धि की जा रही है। इस उपकेन्द्र को विद्युत की सप्लाई उपलब्ध कराने के लिए पंजाब राज्य बिजली बोर्ड द्वारा एक 220 के॰वी॰ डबल सार्कट लाइन का भी निर्माण किया जा रहा है। इन कार्यों के पूरा होने के बाद ही चण्डीगढ़ प्रशासन नए कनैक्शन विशेष रूप से औद्योगिक प्रयोजनों हेतु कनैक्शन, जारी कर पाने की स्थिति में होगा।

Development of Nagarjuna Sagar in Andhra Pradesh for tourists

*295. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Nagarjuna Sagar in Andhra Pradesh as a model tourist centre; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM: (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for the development of Nagarjunasagar in Andhra Pradesh as a model tourist centre. However, the Central Department of Tourism have identified 15 circuits-cum-destinations for intensive development in the country. One such circuit includes the development of Nagarjunasagar in Andhra Pradesh.

The Central Department of Tourism have commissioned a survey to assess the infrastructural facilities proposed to be developed on this circuit viz. Hyderabad-Nagarjunasagar-Tirupati.

Investments of Indian Companies Abroad

*296. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the total investment of Indian Companies abroad in Trade and Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The total Indian equity approved in functional joint ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries abroad is Rs. 181.12 crores. Government have also approved another Rs. 468.31 crores. Indian equity investment in overseas projects which are at different stages of implementation.

Concessions for promotion of tourism in the country

*297. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Association of Tour Operators and the Travel Agents Association of India have been suggesting some concessions to promote tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Suggestions from Indian Association of Tour Operators and Travel Agents Association of India for concessions to promote tourism in the country are received from time to time. These suggestions are examined and considered on merit. Wherever possible the suggestions are accepted by Government in the interest of tourism promotion.

Development of tourism in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan Period

*298 .SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has formulated any plan for promotion of tourism and development of tourist Centres in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are its financial implications and tourism potentiality?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourist centres is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Department of Tourism has been and will continue to extend financial assistance within their available resources for development of tourism infrastructure in the State and would continue to promote and publicise different destinations of Rajasthan in key international markets as well as within the country. As the 8th Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised, it is not possible to indicate any financial implications or give other details.

Expanision programmes of Air India

*299. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 15 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1992 and state:

(a) what expenditure is likely to be incurred by Air India on its expansion programme; and

(b) what is the extent to which Air India would meet the challenges thrown up by other international open-sky competitors?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) It is difficult to quantify the expenditure to be incurred by Air India on its fleet expansion programme in future. In regard to restructuring of air corporations, the expenditure would relate to preliminary expenses regarding incorporation of companies.

(b) While Air India would certainly have to improve its competitive edge, the traffic entitlements continue to be regulated by the bilateral air services agreements as envisaged in the Chicago Convention, 1944.

Operation of courier service in the country

*300. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of courier services that have been allowed to operate in the country to carry mails/ postal cargos to cater to both domestic and international mails;

(b) whether there has been a mushroom growth of courier services with increasing number of public frauds;

(c) whether the business of Department of Posts including the E.M.S. Speed Post Service has been adversely affected by such unwarranted growth of private courier services;

(d) whether normal daks are delayed abnormally thereby defeating the purpose of the Department of Posts;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what steps are being proposed to be taken to improve the efficiency of Government's Speed Post Services, opening of counters for round the clock booking facilities, deliveries on holidays, etc. in metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No Sir, there is no provision under the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 to license any Courier service in the country to carry mail. Exclusive privilege of receiving, collecting, sending, dispatching and delivering letters vests in the Central Government under the Act.

(b) There is no information on this with the Department of Posts.

(c) Operations of private courier services results in some loss of revenue to the Department of Posts. The Department is however making efforts to increase the business of EMS Speed Post which has shown substantial growth in the last few years.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) In view of (d) above, does not arise.

(f) Monthly monitoring of Speed Post